BOARD OF OPTOMETRY Approved Continuing Education Information

You may contact the **board office** for more information

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

All licensees shall complete a minimum of 36 hours of board approved continuing education each year.

Of the 36 hours up to four hours of practice management; and twelve hours of correspondence course or internet course continuing education credit every two years will be allowed.

The board may conduct random audits of 20 percent of all renewed licensees. It is the responsibility of each optometrist to maintain the optometrist's own records of participation and completion, and make them available upon request. Random audits will be conducted in odd-numbered years.

The following Administrative Rule describes the continuing education approved by the Board. Continuing education requiring approval by the Board will be reviewed by the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

24.168.2104 APPROVED PROGRAMS OR COURSES

- (1) Educational programs approved by the board shall be affiliated with national, regional, or state optometric associations, academies, colleges of optometry or approved by the ARBO's Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE).
- (a) Any other continuing education course(s) not covered in (1) must be submitted by the licensee and have prior approval by the board. Any course not submitted to the board and approved prior to attendance shall not be allowed for credit. The course program or syllabus, and information on the credentials and qualifications of the course presenter must accompany the application approval form.
- (2) Continuing education courses offered and completed on the Internet or via other similar electronic means must comply with all the requirements in (1).